







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Current Position

PhD Candidate *University College Dublin* **Dublin, Ireland** 09/2021 - present

- Dissertation: Assessing Strategic Crisis Communication and Political Strategy in the European Union in the Euro Crisis.
- Supervision: Assoc.-Prof. James P. Cross

Research Assistant *University College Dublin* **Dublin, Ireland** 01/2022 - present

Projects: Irish Polling Indicator Project and Irish Politics Data with Dr. Stefan Müller

- Collect demographic data on Irish public opinion to estimate support for parties in Ireland, sources: *Sunday Times*, *Behaviour & Attitudes* and *RedC* polls.
- Collect the most important issues in Ireland, source: *Ireland Thinks Polls* (Kevin Cunningham).
- Pre-process party manifestos in Ireland for Local and European Parliament elections and combine them into a text corpus. (Michael Pidgeon shared a subset of manifestos: <https://pidgeon.ie/>)

Education

Cert Higher Education Teaching Support *University College Dublin* 2021-2022

MSc International Development *University College Dublin* 2019-2020

Dissertation: How economic satisfaction modifies the effect of levels of education on attitudes towards integration.

- Relevant Courses: Intro to Statistics, Data Visualization in R & Research Methods in Political Science

BA International Business and Foreign Affairs *Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador* 2011-2016

Dissertation: The Role of Ecuador in the South-American Integration: UNASUR case.

- Relevant Courses: Mathematics, Political Science Theory, Finance, Accounting I and II.

Research

Working Papers.....

Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union (*with James P. Cross and Yen-Chieh Liao*).

Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics Motivators in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis (*Paula Montano*).

Work in Progress.....

Sharing is Caring? Grandstanding Communication in Bailout vs Non-Bailout countries in the Euro Crisis (*Paula Montano*).

Strategic Crisis Jargon in the EU? Mapping Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union (*Paula Montano*).

Datasets and Code.....

Irish Local and EP Election Manifestos (*With Stefan Müller and Artur Baranov*) 2024

- Data: <https://github.com/stefan-mueller/iemanifestos>
- Dashboard: <https://irishpoliticsdata.shinyapps.io/manifestoexplorer/>

Irish Demographic Polling Datasets (*With Stefan Müller and Thomas Pluck*) 2024

- Data: <https://github.com/Irish-Dem-Polling/datasets>
- Dashboard: <https://irishpoliticsdata.shinyapps.io/demographicpolling/>

flaiR, R wrapper to access flaiR NLP library for R users (*With Yen-Chieh Liao*) 2024

- GitHub Repository: <https://davidycliao.github.io/flaiR/>

Research Grants and Awards

Total Value of Grants: €81,320

APSA Pol Com Travel Award, Political Communication Section APSA Conference	\$500 (€461)	2024
Vera E. Troeger Scholarship for Women in Political Methodology.	£1,200 (€1,409)	2024
Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis		
Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD	€750	2024
PEC Travel Grant Political Studies Association of Ireland	€800	2023
Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD	€600	2023
Fellowship for Women in Political Methodology (Full tuition cost and accommodation)		2023
University of Basel		
Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD	€300	2022
Iseult Honohan Doctoral Scholarship UCD	€77,000	2021-2025

Teaching

University College Dublin – Undergraduate level (Head Tutor / Teaching Assistant)

POL20050: Research Methods in Political Science Spring 2022/2023/2024

- Conducted hands-on tutorials for learning the *DeclareDesign* package for experimental research in R.
- Conducted hands-on tutorials for learning research methods for data analysis in R.
- Conducted tutorials for learning research methods in STATA.

POL20010: Individuals and the State: The idea of Freedom in the History of Political Thought Autumn 2024/2023

- Prepared guidelines for using generative AI tools for enhancing writing assignments. (with Dr. James P. Cross)

INRL20160: Introduction to EU Politics Autumn 2022

- Conducted a lecture on 'Writing Skills and Peer Review Process'.
- Review and provide feedback on blog posts on EU Politics.

INRL10010: Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations Autumn 2021/2022

- Prepared interactive and engaging tutorials for discussing political theory and international relations content.

Conferences and Workshops

American Political Science Association 09/2024

- Featured paper: *Grandstanding in the EU? Elites crisis communication under the spotlight.*
- Location: Philadelphia, United States

European Political Science Association 07/2024

- Featured paper: *Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union.*
- Featured paper: *Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis.*
- Location: Cologne, Germany

Standing Group in the EU Conference, ECPR 06/2024

- Featured paper: *Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis.*
- Location: Lisbon, Portugal

COMPTXT 05/2024

- Featured paper: *Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union.*
- Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Discourse in the Data PhD Workshop, Duitslaand Instituut Amsterdam 04/2024

- Featured paper: *Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union*
- Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Political Studies Association of Ireland 2022, 2023

- Featured paper: *Emergency Politics in the EU Council: Assessing European Elites Communication in the Euro Crisis.*
- Location: Dublin, Ireland

PhD Workshop, School of Politics and International Relations, UCD 2022, 2023

- Working paper: *Emergency Politics in the EU Council: Assessing European Elites Communication in the Euro Crisis.*
- PhD project research design.
- Location: Dublin, Ireland

Academic Service

PhD Representative, School of Politics and International Relations, UCD	07/2023 – present
Co-organisier, COMTEXT Conference (Hosted by UCD)	05/2022
Committee Member Diversity & Inclusion for Ad Astra Applicant Pool, UCD	01/2022
Conference Support, PSAI Conference (Hosted by UCD)	10/2021

Training and Summer Schools

Essex Summer School Social Science Data <i>University of Essex</i>	08/2024
• <i>Course: Ideal Point Estimation, Item Response Theory, and Scaling Methods for Surveys and Behaviour.</i>	
Oxford LLMs A Workshop for Social Science Researchers <i>University of Oxford</i>	09/2023
• <i>Courses: Fundamentals of Large Language Models, Model Interpretation and Debiasing, Recent Developments: Large Language Models and Alignment and coding sessions.</i>	
Summer School for Women in Political Methodology <i>University of Basel</i>	07/2023
• <i>Courses: R packages and Functions, Advanced Graphics in R, Web-Scraping, Text Analysis, Word Embeddings, Images as Data.</i>	
Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis <i>University of Essex</i>	07/2022
• <i>Course: Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis</i>	

Quantitative Skills

- **Programming languages:** R (advanced), Python (intermediate), Git, GitHub, \LaTeX (advanced)
- **Natural Language Processing:** Embeddings (GloVe, Text2Vec), Scaling Methods, Machine Learning, Gen AI (Large Language Models)

Languages

Spanish (native) - English (fluent) - French (fluent) - German (CEFR: B1)

Academic References

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